



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of /

Inventor: Tetsuya ISHII

Art Unit: 2872

Serial No.: 09/672,455 / /

Examiner: A. Chang

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For: DIFFRACTIVE OPTICAL ELEMENT

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 7, 2001, the Applicant hereby petitions for a three-month extension of time and requests amendment of the above-captioned application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 35, 39 and 41 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend claims the claims to read as follows (Exhibit I contains a version of the claims showing changes made):

36. (Amended) A diffractive optical element comprising:

a first optical region made of a first optical material which is substantially transparent to light within a wavelength range to be used and has a refractive index n_1 ;

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